

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I guess I would ask Senator Moore a question if he would yield.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: You indicated the court, in the ruling on the Commonwealth case, indicated that the state should reimburse or pay for the legal costs of this Gale Hamann person. Is it absolute that we must take that step? I mean, what are our options? Are there any other than doing this?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I don't know what other option, I mean, are you familiar with the language? Would you care to have me read it, that the court said, on page 27?

SENATOR WESELY: That would be fine.

SENATOR MOORE: Do you want me to read it?

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I mean, the very last...the very last sentence on actually page 28 of the opinion of the Supreme Court, it says, plaintiff is hereby awarded \$10,000 to apply on her attorney fees and costs of this action which shall be paid in accordance with state statute 24-2401. And really, I guess that's really the only pertinent. The other stuff is just in relation to the actual finding of the case.

SENATOR WESELY: All righty. Well, it's just that...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I take that back, I mean, I was...it says, also it says Section 24-2401 further provides that if certain conditions are met, the Supreme Court shall allow reasonable attorney fees and costs in such amounts as the court shall determine. As stated, the necessary conditions were met, thus the plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I, for one, obviously, this is...after that case, this is almost insult to injury having the Commonwealth people lose the money that had been set aside to repay them and on top of that now having to pay the attorney's fees for the person who made that happen. So it's not a very